

**To:** Lyons, Brendan[BLyons@TimesUnion.com]; Martin, John[Martin.JohnJ@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Enck, Judith[Enck.Judith@epa.gov]  
**From:** Mears, Mary  
**Sent:** Tue 2/9/2016 6:57:46 PM  
**Subject:** RE: <no subject>

Hi Brendan,

Yes, Judith is off the grid at the moment. I will look into this. What is your deadline?

Mary Mears

Deputy Director Public Affairs and Chief Public Outreach Branch

U.S. EPA Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, the US VI and eight Indian Nations)

(212) 637-3673 (Direct Office)

(212) 637-3660 (General Office)

(646) 369-0077 (Cell)

**From:** Lyons, Brendan [mailto:BLyons@TimesUnion.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 11:50 AM  
**To:** Martin, John <Martin.JohnJ@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Enck, Judith <Enck.Judith@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** <no subject>

Good morning,

Mary, I left a phone message as well but thought I'd shoot off a quick email to get the ball rolling. I realize that Judith Enck is "off the grid" currently with limited access to email.

I am working on a follow-up story regarding Hoosick Falls (PFOA pollution) that focuses on the state Department of Health's Center for Environmental Health. As you may recall, this unit issued a "fact sheet" that was distributed last year by the village to its residents.

My question is whether, in your opinion, the DOH should have relied on or could have at least cited the **February 2014** draft results of an EPA preliminary report on the health effects of PFOA that were posted online by EPA. The study documented, with references, the health of

occupational and residential populations at or near large-scale PFOA production plants in the United States. It concluded that epidemiological studies had found a positive association between serum PFOA concentration and chronic kidney disease ...early menopause...decreased antibody titers in children after vaccination...delayed puberty in girls...obesity effects in female children at age 20...and parent reported attention deficit disorder (ADHD). Furthermore, [in Section 5.2] the study documented that there is

evidence that PFOA exposure may be associated with an increased risk for cancer of the bladder, kidney, and urinary tract.

Also, when Saint-Gobain wrote its letter to the EPA in December 2014 alerting the agency to the water-contamination issues, do you know why that information was not forwarded immediately to the EPA's regional office and followed up on? (This question is starting to be asked here by some state lawmakers).

Thanks in advance for any responses on these issues.

-----

***Brendan J. Lyons***

Investigations Editor/Senior Writer

Times Union

News Plaza Box 15000

Albany, New York 12212

518-454-5547

[Blyons@timesunion.com](mailto:Blyons@timesunion.com)

@Brendan\_LyonsTU

-----